

MINUTES

—OF THE—

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

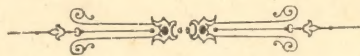
—OF THE—

Harmony Primitive Baptist
ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH—

Mars Hill Church, Calhoun County, Ga.,

Commencing on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday
in October, 1885.



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Of the Forty-Seventh Annual Session of the HARMONY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, held with Mars Hill Church, Calhoun county, Ga., Commencing on Saturday before the 2d Sunday in October, 1885.

- 1st. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder E. D. Ivey, from the 10th chapter and 5th verse of Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews: "Wherefore, when he cometh into the world, he saith, sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, but a body hast thou prepared me."
- 2d. After an intermission of one hour, the Messengers from the several churches assembled, and the Association was organized. Prayer by Elder J. R. Respass.
- 3d. Letters from the Churches received, read and minuted.
- 4th. Elected Elder J. M. Woodall Moderator, and electe R. F. Ivey Clerk.
- 5th. Called for Petitionary Letters.
- 6th. Invited Ministers of our faith and order to seats.
- 7th. Appointed the following Committees:
On Business—W. Jennings, H. H. Davis, †D. Chambless.
On Preaching—Elder J. Everett, B. F. Markett, H. J. Blain, with J. Coleman and E. Fain, of Mars Hill church.
- 8th. *To Write Corresponding Letter*—*J. H. Davis, Elder J. L. Blackshear and J. Adams.
To Examine Correspondence—Elder T. Everett, E. Fain, W. T. Lott.
- 9th. Called for Correspondence from Sister Associations. Received from the Upatoi, Messengers Eld. J. Respass, Elder B. Stewart, J. W. English, with minutes.
From the Union—Elder A. Parish, with minutes.
From the Chocktawhatchee—Eld. D. H. Pellow, Elder J. W. Parker, Eld. E. D. Ivey, W. J. Parish and W. J. Hutto.
From the Echaconnce—Eld. J. Bassett.
From the Flint River—Elder. J. V. Tipton, Elder S. E. Davis, Eld. J. Maxwell, E. B. Bush and S. Williams,
From the Pulaski—Eld. H. Hall, with Letter.
From the Olive—
From the Chipola—
From the Beulah—
- 10th. On motion, adjourned until Monday morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder D. H. Pellow.

MONDAY MORNING, October 12th, 1885.

11th. Met according to adjournment Prayer by Eld. A. Parish.

12th. Called for the Report of the Committee on Business. They recommended as our guidance last year's minutes. The same were heard and adopted.

13th. Called the roll and read the Decorum.

14th. Called for further Correspondence.

15th. Called for the Report on Correspondence, and there was nothing found claiming attention.

16th. Appointed Union Meetings:

1st District, at Mt. Olive, commencing Friday before the first Sunday in July, 1886.

2d District, at Harmony, Sumter county, commencing Friday, before the 5th Sunday in August, 1886.

3d District, at Mars Hill, commencing Friday, before the 5th Sunday in May, 1886.

17th. Returned Correspondence to the Upatoie, to convene with Bluff Springs Church, Macon county, commencing Tuesday after the first Sunday in September '86—Messengers, Eld. J. Everett, J. W. Gwynes, E. Fain, J. W. Castleberry, H. H. Bell, Elder W. T. Everett.

Echaconnce Association—To convene with Bethlehem Church, Upson county, Ga.—Messengers, G. W. Gwynes.

Union Association—To convene with Empire Church, Berrien county, Ga., to convene Saturday, before the third Sunday in October, 1885.

Chocktawhatchee Association—To convene with Hopeful Church, Dale county, Ala., 5 miles west from Ozark, commencing Friday, before the fourth Sunday in September, 1886—Messengers, E. Fain, B. F. Markett and Eld. W. T. Everett.

Flint River Association—To convene with Union church, Miller county, Ga., Saturday before the 1st Sunday in November, 1885—Messengers, Eld. W. T. Everett, E. Fain and W. Jennings.

Olive Association—To convene with the Mt. Gilead church, commencing on Friday, before the 3d Sunday in October, 1885.

Pulaski Association—To convene with the Providence church, Worth county, Ga., on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1886. Messengers, J. Castleberry and G. W. Gwynes.

Chipola Association—To convene with Pilgrim's Rest Church on Saturday before the 2d Sunday in September, 1886.

Ochlochnee Association—

Beulah Association—

18th. By a petition Turkey Creek Church, of the 2d District, Webster county, Ga., was transferred to the 1st District. By a petition Union Church, of Terrell county, Ga., of the 2d

District, was transferred to the 3d District.

19. Called for Corresponding Letter, which was received and adopted.

20th. Called for Contributions, and received for Minutes, \$27.25; and for Correspondence, \$41.75. On motion it was agreed to have 1,000 Minutes printed, and allow the Clerk \$20 for his services.

21st. Appointed the next Session of this Body to convene with the Church at Antioch, Stewart county, Ga., commencing on Saturday before the 2d Sunday in October, 1886.

22d. On motion, a vote of thanks is hereby tendered to the people in the surrounding neighborhood of Mars Hill Church, for their kind hospitalities extended to our Association. May the Lord bless you, as seemeth good to Him, is our prayer.

23d. Read the Minutes and adjourned.

J. M. WOODALL, Moderator.

R. F. IVEY, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING.

SATURDAY, A. M.—Opened by Elder E. D. Ivey.

" P. M.—Opened by Elder J. A. Parker—closed by Elder H. Hall.

SUNDAY, A. M.—Opened by Elder J. Bassett, and closed by Elder J. Maxwell. The weather being inclement, services closed until Monday morning.

MONDAY, A. M.—Opened by Elder D. H. Pellum, and closed by Elder J. V. Tipton.

MONDAY, P. M.—Opened by Elder J. R. Respass, followed by Elder B. Stewart, and closed by Elder A. Parish.

Corresponding Letter.

The Harmony Association of the Primitive Faith and Order to her Sisters Association with whom she corresponds, sends Christian love:

DEAR BRETHREN—We have again been permitted, through the tender mercies of our God, to hold another Session of our body. All our Churches are represented but——. Their Letters bring to us tidings of peace and love, and some of the Churches report an ingathering of the children of God, and we praise the Lord for his goodness. Your correspondence is tolerable full, but not as full as we desire, but we feel that those we have are sent of the Lord.

The next Session of our body will be held with the Church at Antioch, Stewart county, Ga., commencing 2d Sunday in October, 1886, when and where we hope to meet a goodly number of your Correspondence, is the prayer of your little sister in love.

ELDER J. M. WOODALL.

R. F. IVEY, Clerk.

Moderator.

PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS' ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1st. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three persons in the God-head, viz.: The Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2d. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3rd. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

4th. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5th. We believe in the doctrine of man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state, he is in by nature, of his own free will and ability.

6th. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

7th. We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

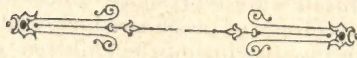
8th. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace, and shall never finally fall.

9th. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and washing of the Saint's feet, are ordinances of Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

10th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment.

11th. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and that the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

12th. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, only such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by a regularly authorized Presbytery.



STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	Post Office.	MESSENGERS.	Baptized.	Rec. by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	No. in fellowship.	Finances.		Time of Meeting	
											For Minutes.	For postage.	Time.	Yearly.
1ST DISTRICT.														
Antioch.....	Stewart	Lumpkin.	T. C. Johnson and T. W. Lott.	2						23	2 00	3 00	4	July.
Harmony.....	Stewart	Richland								23	1 00	1 00	4	July.
Slaughter Creek	Stewart	Green Hill								12	1 00	1 00	2	Aug.
Poplar Springs	Webster	Preston.		1						8	1 00	1 00	1	Aug.
Mount Olive.	Chattahoochee.	Cusseta	H. Revel	2	6	7			2	35	2 50	2 50	1	
New Bethel	Marion.....	Fineville	Received on motion Bro. H. H. Bell.						1	13				July.
2ND DISTRICT.														
Beulah.....	Terrell.	Dawson	Elder J. H. Davis.	1						34	1 00	2 00	4	July.
Chickasawhatchee.	Terrell	Dawson.	Elder W. L. Everett, W. Jennings.	7	6	2			3	36	2 00	3 00	1	Aug.
Turkey Creek	Webster.	Weston.	†D. C. Chambliss, W. C. Daniel.	1	2					31	1 75	3 00	4	July.
Macedonia	Terrell.	Dawson.	Eld. J. L. Blackshear, Eld. H. Hall	4		1			1	33	2 00	2 90	4	June
Liberty.....	Sumter	Smithville								12	1 00	1 00	3	July
Providence.....	Sumter	Americus	Elder J. M. Woodall, B. F. Markett.	1		1		2	1	24	2 00	4 00	2	July
Harmony.....	Sumter	Americus.	J. Castleberry	1	2	2		2	1	16	1 00	2 00	4	July
Union.....	Terrell	Dawson.	H. J. L. Adams, B. Still	3	2	2		2	1	16	1 00	2 00	2	July
Hebron.....	Sumter	Andersonville.	J. W. Gwynes	2	1				1	19	1 50	1 50	1	July
3D DISTRICT.										10			4	
Antioch.....	Clay	Fort Gaines.	J. Neeves.								50	1 00		June
Mars Hill	Calhoun	Whitney	J. Coleman, E. Fain.	17	3				2	50	3 00	8 25	3	June
Hephzibah	Randolph	Cuthbert	R. F. Ivey, H. Garrett	3	1				1	32	1 50	2 00	2	July
Walnut Grove	Randolph	Richland	Elder J. Everett			2				5		50		
Mount Moriah.	Randolph	Cuthbert												
Pataula	Quitman.	Georgetown.	H. J. Bland.	6		1				22	2 00	2 00	3	July
				48	24	4	21	4	12	454	\$27	25	41	75

NOTE. --Ordained Ministers marked*, Licentiates†

Saturday Oct

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church meeting con
ference at Harmon

Br B Page moderator
first opened the doors of
the church for the re
ception of members

2 called for references
3 Oct

4 new matters dealing

5 for messengers by
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